

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable consideration of the present application in view of the above election and amendment and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

The outstanding Office Action indicates that claims 1-47 are pending in the present application; however Claims 1-22 and 25-47 are actually pending in the present application; claims 1-22, 25-26, 34-35, and 38-41 having been amended by way of the present amendment. Claims 23 and 24 were canceled in the Preliminary Amendment filed August 30, 2007.

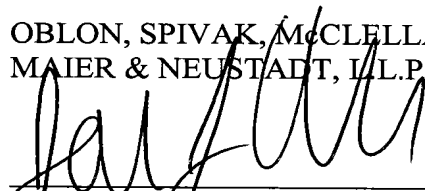
In response to the Election of Species requirement dated January 6, 2010, the Applicants provisionally elect Species B, a method of recycling toner by refilling toner through a newly formed hole during the recycling method. Applicants identify claims 26-37, corresponding to at least Figures 1-17, as readable on the provisionally elected species. Further, Claims 1-22 and 38-47 should be examined as the Office identified these claims as being generic.

The claims have been amended to clarify the invention. No new matter has been added.

Consequently, an action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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